Tiruvellore

Thanjavur

Tirunelveli

Palayamkottai

Trichy

Manchanalur

Somarasampet

Sriransam

Tiruverumbur

Tirvpara thurai

Tuticorin

Harbour

Udumalpet

Uthukuli

Vallam

Valliyoor

Valparai

Vaniyaambadi

Vellakoil

Villupuram

Virudhunagar

Vellore

Ban on Smoking

2578. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more people die from smoking in India than those from road accidents, alcohol and AIDS taken together;

(b) what is the estimated number of casualties due to smoking-related diseases every year in India during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government propose to ban smoking as has been done by the Olympic Committee during the forthcoming 1992 Olympics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (c) It is estimated that about 6 to 10 lakh people die due to tobacco related diseases every year in India.

The measures undertaken to reduce the consumption of tobacco products include:

(i) educating the masses against the use of tobacco products by highlighting its evil effects on health like cardiovascular diseases, hypertension, oral and lung cancer etc.

(ii) introduction of legislation for ban on advertisement of cigarette and tobacco products.

(iii) printing of statutory warning on cigarette packets.

Land Allotted to Balamral Cooperative Housing Society in Secunderabad

2579. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:
SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that exemption under section 20A of the Urban Land Ceiling Act (ULC) was granted to M|s. Balamrai Cooperative Housing Society by the Ministry on the 18th May, 1985 for nearly 40 acres of land at Secunderabad Cantonment, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said society sought exemption on the basis that it would provide house sites to poor and homeless people, particularly weaker sections;

(c) whether it is also a fact that contrary to the above assurance, most of the allottees of plots by this society are affluent people, including senior officers of the Ministry of Defence and its subordinate offices and their children and relatives;

(d) if so, what action Government have taken against the said society and the officials involved therein apart from cancelling the exemption already granted; and

(e) the reasons for not taking any action against the above society and the complete details of the members and allottees of the society?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) to (e) Exemption under section 20(i)(a) of the Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act, 1976 was granted on 18th May, 1985 to the Balamrai Co-operative Housing Society Ltd., Secunderabad. No condition was stipulated in the Government sanction that the society would provide house sites to poor, resourceless and homeless particularly weaker sections.

Development Activities of IICT, Hyderabad

2580. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state the details of the funds allocated and development activities undertaken by the Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (RRL) Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): Funds allocated to Indian Institute of Chemical Technology, Hyderabad during the last three years were:

Year	Rs. in Crores
1986-87	5.91
1987-88	5.97
1988-89	6.63

During these years the Institute took up research programmes in new areas viz, synthetic drugs, organic intermediates, polymers, fine chemical etc. New facilities of 400 MHZ NMR, Mass Spectroscopy, Computer aided organic synthesis and design etc. were also created. Besides, the existing areas of pasticides, organic coatings, process development, design and engineering were strengthened. Considerable work was also done in the area of pesticides, some of which include Monocrotophos, DDVP, Diaginon, Quinolphos, Isoproturn and Insect Phermones etc.

Vice-President of the Central Council of Indian Medicines

2581. SHRI PRAVATHANENI UPENDRA:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri M.A. Razzack who earlier was Director of the Central Council of Research in Unani Medicines and was suspended on charges of smuggling of gold buscuits, continue to be the Vice-President of the Central Council of Indian Medicines; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Government propose to remove him from this post?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per provision of IMCO Act, 1970, the President, Vice-President or a member of the Central Council of Indian Medicine shall hold office for a term of five years from the date of his election or nomination as the case may be until his successor shall have been duly elected or nominated *whichever is longer*.

The term of the Central Council has expired on 30-4-89 and the process to hold new election has been initiated.